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Public Health Committee Public Hearing

March 14, 2014

IN SUPPORT OF:

HB 5537, AAC the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various
Revisions to the Public Health Statutes

Dear Sen. Gerratana, Rep. Johnson and Members of the Public Health Committee,

As a member of the Water Planning Council Advisory Group, I urge you to support Section 13 of HB 5537. Section 13 changes statutory language to eliminate the requirement that a water company must include some Class III land in a sale of Class II land to a municipality, the state or a water company. The Water Planning Council Advisory Group requested this change and the Water Planning Council recommended that the change be included in the Department of Public Health's 2014 legislative proposal. Under the current language, if no Class III land is available, an otherwise reasonable transfer of watershed to the state, a municipality or another water company would be prohibited.

Please consider approving Section 13 of HB 5537.

Thank you.

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